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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Barnett asks unanimous consent to withdraw his name from the Resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke. Is there an objection to Senator Barnett withdrawing his name? Seeing none, it is so ordered. Did you want recognition, Senator Luedtke? I think we are, aren't we, Mr. Clerk?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to reecho what Senator Syas said when we were debating this resolution the other day and that is that it isn't really whether you are so strongly in favor of Senator Murphy's specific resolution here but the danger, the very serious danger of opening a can of worms with a federal calling, a call of a constitutional revision on a federal level, that you open it up for any and all matters which could be brought to the attention of the federal government. Now this is something that Senator Chambers said he welcomed but some of us would certainly not want to see, particularly, if we want to narrow it to the issue that Senator Murphy wants, so I would oppose the resolution simply because it brings about the possibility of opening up the entire matter of the complete amendment of the federal Constitution which I don't think we want at this time.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: What was that, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: A motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to add a new section 3 as follows: Read amendment. See page 623, Journal. Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, we want not to address the business we have at hand and help the federal government out. I noticed the resolution continued to point to excessive federal spending, point to excessive abuse by the federal government, failure to control their destiny. I think if we are going to send back recommendations to the Congress in the terms of spending, let's make sure we send it back and tell them what we want done as a state. I think this is meritorious and probably would be most helpful to your amendments, Senator Murphy, your resolution. It just says that we will reduce each and every agency division department budget by 10%. So if you want to cut it, let's get with the program. My original position would be that again I think this is a showboat resolution. It is an attempt, and we talk about time and waste of time, we can't handle those problems up there in here and now we are going to go in and give the feds their advice. Let me tell you how to really have an impact on the federal government. In this state we have two United States Senators and three Congressmen. Everybody